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LITANIES

FOR THE

CHOIRS IN THE CONGREGATIONS

OF THE

UNITED BRETHREN,

REVISED AND ENLARGED.

L O N D O N :

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Thus unto JESUS JEHOVAH
 All Choirs will render praises,
 When each to him Hallelujah,
 With—Lord have mercy!—raises.

I.

LITANIES OF THE CHILDREN.

I*.

L. LORD GOD OUR FATHER, WHICH ART IN HEAVEN!

A. Hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

L. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever,

A. Amen!

T. 22. b.

1. Thee, Abba, Father! we revere
For calling us thy children dear;

G. A father's heart we find in thee,

B. Since Christ our Brother deign'd to be.

*A. 2. Thou hast the world so greatly lov'd,
'That thou, by boundless mercy mov'd,
Didst give thy well-beloved Son,
By death for all our sins t' atone;*

* *A. is sung by all the children; B. by the boys; L. by the liturgist; and G. by the girls.*

B

B. 3.

B. 3. That he all, who in him believe,
Might in thy family receive.

A. May we this living faith obtain,
And faithful to the end remain.

L. LORD GOD HOLY GHOST!

A. *Abide with us for ever!*

T. 22. o.

B. 4. God Holy Spirit! thee we praise
For thy instructions, gifts, and grace,

G. And for declaring unto us
Our Savior's suff'rings, wounds, and cross.

A. 5. Grant, that we all attentive be,
And prove obedient unto thee
For all the grace thou dost afford
In leading us to Christ our Lord.

G. 6. O let our needy souls by faith
Enjoy the merits of Christ's death!

B. And may his precious blood bedew,
And hallow all we think or do.

L. LORD GOD SON, THOU SAVIOR OF THE
WORLD!

A. *Own us to be thine!*

T. 22. d.

G. 7. Jesus, the children's dearest friend,
Who dost to all our wants attend,
A. Thou wast a child, and knowest well
How we, thy helpless children, feel.

- B. 8. We humbly thee approach, and greet
With reverence thy pierced feet;
G. We kifs thy hand, which hath bestow'd
On us, thy children, so much good.

T. 22. c.

- A. 9. Embrace us in thy tender way,
And blefs us all, we humbly pray,
As thou on earth didst formerly,
When they young children brought to thee.

10. We are baptiz'd into thy death,
And call'd to praise thee with each breath;
'Thou'ft bought us with thy blood divine,
O take and keep us ever thine!

T. 4. 2d p.

- L. Our children shall be
Both now and for ever devoted to thee.

T. 235.

- A. 11. *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, so highly priz'd,
The Holy Ghost's communion be
With all of us most sensibly.
Amen!*

2.

L. OUR LORD CHRIST JESUS,

A. *Be gracious unto us!*

T. 132. a. 2d p.

Sung. Thou slaughter'd Lamb, our God and Lord,
To needy pray'rs thine ear afford,
And on us all have mercy!

L. From all coldness to thy merits and death,
From all self-complacency,
From levity and self-will,
From all hypocrisy and dissimulation,
From all seduction,
From the wiles and devices of Satan,
From a worldly and carnal mind,
From all sin,

A. *Preserve us, our dear Lord and God!*

T. 132. a.

L. Lord Jesus, to thy grace divine,
Thy faithful care and favor,
These children we commend: They're thine,
And shall be thine for ever.

O may each in thy nail-prints see
Its grace-election, and in thee
Be found at thy appearing.

T. 206.

B. My king benign,

G. My king benign,

A. We'd fain be thine;

Not

Not any thing,

G. No small

A. No smallest hankering

Cause us, while here we stay,
Most faithful Lord, from thee to stray;
No, may each breath—exalt thy death,
And sing thy praise,

G. And sing thy praise

For thy unbounded grace,

A. For thy unbounded grace!

L. With all the merits of thy life,

A. *Bless us, our dear Lord and God!*

L. By thy holy incarnation and birth,

A. Make our human nature dear to us!

T. 22. b.

Sung. Welcome, O welcome Lamb of God,
Who hast assum'd our flesh and blood,
Since thou for us hast liv'd and died,
Our human nature 's sanctified.

L. By thy holy childhood

A. Make us partakers of child-like joy!

L. By thy obedience and subjection

A. Grant unto us obedient hearts!

L. Thy blameless walk on earth,

A. Be our comfort and example!

T. 22. d.

Sung. Thy youth unspotted, full of grace,
Teach us all virtue and all praise,
Thou art our pattern, grant that we
In all things may resemble thee!

L. With thine agony and bloody sweat,
With thy being bound, buffeted, and reviled,

B 3

With

With thy being scourged and crowned with thorns,
 With thy ignominious crucifixion,
 With thy holy wounds,
 With thy precious blood,
 With thy meritorious death,
 With thy resurrection and ascension,

A. Bless us, our dear Lord and God!

T. 79. 2d p.

Sung. O may we for thy passion
 And death for our salvation,
 Be as thy trophies soon displayed!

L. With thy coming again to thy church, or our
 being call'd home to thee,

A. Comfort us, our dear Lord and God!

T. 132. a.

Sung. His goodness and his mercies all
 Will follow us for ever,
 And we'll maintain our proper call,
 To cleave to our dear Savior,
 And to his Congregation here,
 And when call'd home, we shall live there,
 With Christ, our soul's Redeemer.

T. 539. a.

L. Christ, thou Lamb of God, which takest away
 the sins of the world,
 Leave thy peace with them!

A. Amen.

3.

T. 519.

- A.* **M**OST holy Lord and God,
B. Holy almighty God,
G. Holy and most merciful Savior,
A. Thou eternal God!
 Lamb of God unspotted,
 To our pray'rs O lend an ear,
 Have mercy, O Lord!

T. 235.

Here are we children poor and mean,
 O make us thine and wash us clean,
 Grant, that both soul and body may
 Thy merits share from day to day!
 Till we shall with the Church above
 Unite to praise redeeming love:
 Amen.

T. 22. b.

- B.* 1. Thy blest humanity on earth
 Shows us our human nature's worth;
G. Grant, that thy childhood may impart
 True child-like joy to ev'ry heart.
- B.* 2. From year to year—whilst we increase
 In stature—may we grow in grace,
G. In learning and obedience too
 May we thy blessed path pursue.

T. 22. d.

- B.* 3. Thy bloody sweat and agony
 Fill us with fervent love to thee,

G. Thy thorny crown, thy crofs and pain
Our glory, joy, and ftrength remain.

A. 4. Yea, with thy death, O Lamb of God,
With thy bleft wounds and precious blood,
With all thy fuff'rings and diftreffs,
Us, thy poor Children, ever blefs.

T. 22. c.

5. Thus will our infant tongues record
The death and fuff'rings of our Lord,
That thou, who diedft in our ftcad,
Art God, by whom all things were made.

6. Thee, gracious Lord, we now implore,
To manifelt thyfelf ftill more,
And thus to teach us by degrees,
To live a life of happinefs.

G. 7. May we thy mind ftill better know,
B. May we in grace and knowledge grow,
A. And learn all that, whereby we may
Adorn thy doctrine ev'ry way.

T. 22. l.

8. By day and night our fteps direct,
And foul and body, Lord, protect
From ev'ry thing, that grieveth thee,
Or unto us might hurtful be.

9. Impart to us each needful good,
A heart, befprinkled with thy blood,
Thankful and wholly giv'n to thee
For thy foul's bitter agony.

T. 235.

O may we ever feel thee near,
And be employ'd in praife and pray'r,

In feeble accents we'll proclaim
The glories of thy saving name.
Amen.

4. T. 9.

L. CHRIST our Savior look on thee,
Children's congregation!
Thou art his, because that he
Purchas'd thy salvation.

A. Thine we are, thine we'll remain,
Jefus, till in glory
We, when our faith's end we gain,
Seeing shall adore thee.

L. May we not his grace enjoy
Here on earth already?
What effect is wrought thereby
Both in foul and body?

A. Quite unutterable is
What our hearts are feeling
Of divine delight and blifs
At his kind revealing.

We with deep humility
Give him thanks and praises;
But who can fufficiently
Laud him for his mercies?

T. 14. a.

L. While in this vale of tears ye dwell,
What is your greateft blifs?

A. When

A. When Jefu's precious peace we feel,
And when we're own'd as his.

L. What is your higheft wifh and aim?

A. To live unto his praife,
His love and goodnefs to proclaim,
And pleafe him all our days.

T. 1.

L. May he thefe choicelt bleffings on you fhew'r
For all his fuff'rings fake, for evermore.

A. Blefs us poor children with thy precious blood,
O'erftream us finners with that cleansing flood.

L. What will you render to him on your part?

A. We nothing have to give but our poor heart.

T. 58. 2d p.

Trufting in his mercy we will adore him,
And humbly walk in grace and truth before him,
Till we go hence.

T. 119.

L. For his death,

G. For his death,

A. He is worthy evermore,
That the children's congregation
His moft precious name adore,
And extol his great falvation,
Yea, that all in earth and heaven bow
'Fore him low.

T. 22. c.

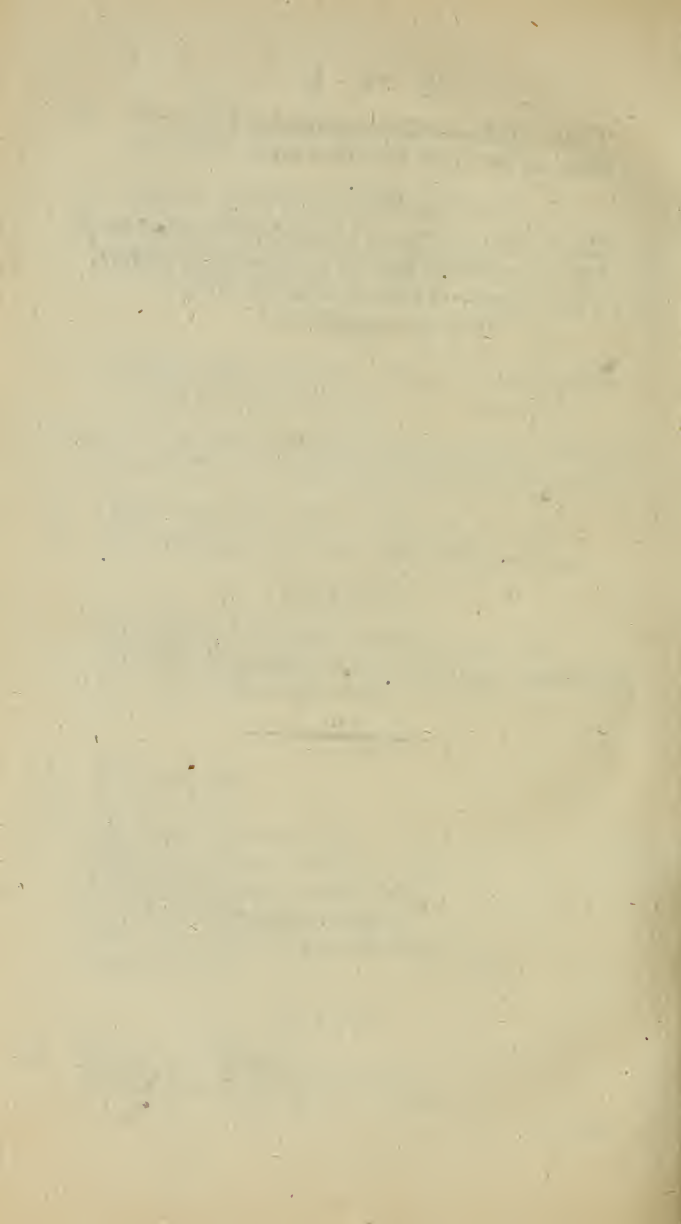
L. Devote yourfelves to him anew
As his reward and purchafe due;

Thus

Thus will his blessing you attend,
Until in him your race shall end.

T. 36.

- A. Grant, that we all may bloom for thee like flowers
Unto thy praise, thro' thy atonement's powers,
Yea, magnify thy name in us for ever,
Most gracious Savior!
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II.

LITANIES OF THE SINGLE BRETHREN.

1*.

T. 235.

- A.* FATHER of all things thou,
And Mediator too,
Jehovah Sabaoth,
Life, who once tasted death!
- Ch.* Angels and men thy lauds proclaim,
And magnify thy saving name.
- A.* In Heav'n and earth one voice doth sound :
Thou hast by death for us aton'd!
Upholder of all things confest,
Remain thou on our hearts impress'd,
As in our flesh and blood array'd,
In all things like thy brethren made,
Yet without sin, thou didst thereby
Our human nature sanctify;
May we for this thy boundless grace
In soul and body give thee praise!
Amen.

* *A.* is sung by *all* the Brethren; *Ch.* by the Choir; and *L.* by the Liturgist.

T. 146, 2d p.

- L.* Accept a weeping eye,
A warm and grateful heart,
Tho' a thank-off'ring poor,
Yet take it in good part.

T. 1.

- A.* Yea, turn in mercy, Lord, to us thy face;
We're indigent, enrich us with thy grace!

- L.*.* With all the merits of thy life,

- A*.* Bless us, gracious Lord and God!

Thy holy incarnation and birth

Make our humanity dear to us!

Thy circumcision

Esteem in us the circumcision of the heart!

Thy early exile

Teach us that we are pilgrims on earth!

By thy obedience and subjection

Grant us obedient hearts!

Thy precious sweat, when at work,

Make all labor easy unto us!

Thy faithfulness in handicraft business,

Make us faithful on our part!

Thy unspotted youth

Sanctify the single brethren's state!

T. 56, 2d p.

- Sung.* Ev'ry hour and ev'ry where
May our words and actions bear
A resemblance, gracious Lord, to thine!

- L.* With thy agony and bloody sweat,
With thy bitter sufferings and death,

- A.* Bless and comfort us, dear Lord and God!

* This is prayed alternately by the Liturgist and the Brethren.

T. 9.

T. 9.

Sung. Jesus, who hast us regain'd,
Faithful Lord and Savior,
Give us what thy death obtain'd,
And we're rich for ever.

L. Thy pierced hands

A. Show us where our names are written !

Thy suffering and dying form

Remain constantly before our eyes !

Thy sacred, tormented body,

Mortify our members, which are on earth,

(Col. iii. 5.)

Thy heart pierced for us

Be joyful over us !

T. 582.

Sung. Jesus, to thee we give
Ourselves this day anew,
As thy reward so dearly gain'd,
Thy spoil and purchase due ;
That with us thou may'st do,
What's pleasing in thy sight,
And from us take, whate'er thee grieves,
Whate'er thou think'st not right.

T. 539. a.

L. O thou Lamb of God, which takest away the sin
of the world,

A. Have mercy upon us !

L. O thou Lamb of God, which takest away the sin
of the world,

A. Own us to be thine !

L. O thou Lamb of God, which takest away the sin
of the world,

A. Leave thy peace with us!

T. 79.

Sung. O King of Peace, our Sov'reign,
Thou shalt alone us govern;
Come, form us soon to be
T' each other an example,
To th' Holy Ghost a temple,
To th' Father pleasing constantly!

2. T. 235.

Ch. **L**ORD God, thy praise we sing,

A. To thee our thanks we bring,
Lord Jesus Christ, we honor thee,
That thou vouchsaf'dst a man to be,
And gav'st thyself a sacrifice,
To pay for all a ransom price;
This comforts us eternally,
And makes us hope for mercy free,
Amen.

T. 22. b.

Lit. 1. O word, which pow'r and comfort brings,
Whence pardon and salvation springs:
"God deign'd a man like me to be,
"To shed his blood and die for me."

A. 2. O Lord, 'fore whom all creatures bow,
How could'st thou deign to stoop so low!

What

What is poor man, that thou shouldst him
So highly value and esteem?

L. In all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful High-Priest in things pertaining to God; who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin,

Cb. In that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

T. 22. d.

A. 3. If Jesus not our Savior were,
What could our hearts revive and cheer?
We have receiv'd a deadly wound,
There's nought in soul and body found.

L. O rejoice for evermore!
Jesus beareth all your members;
The most helpless, weak, and poor
Of his brethren he remembers,
And thro' his humanity
Sanctifieth you and me.

T. 11. d.

A. 1. When we now explore the end,
Why our Lord would condescend
To assume humanity,
Us thereby to sanctify;

Cb. 2. And reflect on all the pain,
Which for us he did sustain,
On his labor, rest and cares,
On his tears and fervent pray'rs,

3. Poverty and ev'ry want,
To our nature incident,

Which he bore, and which for us
All is meritorious:

A. 4. Then thro' his enabling grace
We with joy can run our race,
Whilst we him in mem'ry bear,
Who was tempted, as we are.

5. Praise to him for ever be,
We're his blood-bought property,
Since he death for us endur'd,
And eternal life procur'd.

L. Ye are bought with a price ; therefore glorify God
in your body and in your spirit, which are God's !

T. 235.

A. Jesus, our hearts to thee incline,
And may our minds resemble thine,
O'erstream us with the healing flood
Of thy divine atoning blood,
That soul and body may always
By word and deed show forth thy praise !
Amen.

3. T. 235.

A. **G**LORY and thanks to thee,
Jesus, for ever be,
Who, tho' th' eternal God,
Assum'dst our flesh and blood !

Ch. Thrice happy are those souls indeed,
 Who sowing tears, a precious seed,
 Find in this world of woe and strife,
 Pattern and comfort in thy life;
 For this thy grace by us, O Lord!
 Be humbly in the dust ador'd!
 Amen.

T. 22. c.

1. Those blessings on us all bestow,
 Which from thy holy merits flow,
 Open to us this precious store,
 Lord Jesus, and we ask no more.

T. 22. a.

2. We from thy toilsome life derive
 Rich comforts while on earth we live;
Ch. Thou for our sake didst bear the cross,
 And still with patience bear'st with us.

A. 3. By all that thou hast done or said,
 Great blessings thou hast merited,
 Thy walking, sleeping, toil, and sweat,
 Redound unto our benefit.

T. 22. f.

4. In servant's form thou mad'st us free
 From Satan's cruel tyranny.
 Our chastisement on thee was laid,
 Thy blood for us a ransom paid.

5. Our likeness thou didst still retain
 Ascending into Heav'n again,
 Where thee in glory we shall see,
 And also be made like to thee.

T. 22. o.

6. Lord Jesus Christ, all praise to thee,
That from the curse we're now set free,
Since thou our curse hast borne, and thus
From sin and guilt deliver'd us.

7. We pray thee, fix our hearts and eyes
Upon thy bleeding sacrifice,
That we may day and night by faith
Enjoy the merits of thy death.

8. Grant, that it may to all appear,
That we thy death in mem'ry bear,
And may ev'n in our looks serene
Likeness of Christ, our friend, be seen.

T. 23.

Cb. That our minds and whole behavior
May resemble thee our Savior,
And thy sanctifying merit
Hallow body, soul, and spirit.

T. 22. d.

A. 9. In this world thou art no more now,
Us as thy race thou leav'st below;
Take us into thy special care,
Secure our souls from ev'ry snare.

10. Let our white robes of righteousness
Be by thy blood kept clean always;
Thy whole salvation make our own,
And us with constant vict'ry crown!

T. 235.

Cb. 11. That name which only to thee's known,
Lay on our Choir, we are thine own,

And by thy incarnation blest,
Preserve our souls and bodies chaste.
Amen.

4. T. 121.

L. & Ch. **O** JESUS, source of grace,
Impart thy precious peace
To our Choir and Classes,
Whene'er we seek thy face,
When we, to give thee praises,
Humbly bow the knee,
And bring thanks to thee,
In sweet harmony.

T. 29.

- A.* 1. Bless, Jesus! with thy peace and favor
Our Choir, as oft as we endeavor,
T' exalt thy matchless love and grace,
And thee with thankful hearts to praise ;
2. That thou, the God of our salvation,
Constrain'd by mercy and compassion,
Becam'st a man to set us free
From guilt, and curse, and misery.
3. Thanks for the inexhausted treasure
Of blessings, which in richest measure
From thee on us poor sinners flow,
And prove our comfort here below.

L. & Ch. O precious thoughts of peace !
O undeserved grace !
All of us had perish'd
In sins and trespasses,

Hadst

Hadst thou not for us purchas'd
Life and ev'ry good,
By thy precious blood,
Jesus, man and God!

A. 4. Jesus, thy love and condescension
Is great beyond all comprehension;
Thou from the manger to the cross
Gav'st countless proofs of love to us.

5. Thou borest our sins and curse-inflition,
For us to purchase benediction,
And didst by conqu'ring death and hell
Sin's power and dominion quell.

6. Thy words, thy walk, thy intercession,
Thy tears, thy cries, and bitter passion,
Yea, all that thou hast done for us,
Is truly meritorious.

L. & Ch. This fills our hearts with joy;
We gladly testify
Of his great salvation,
And publish far and near
With deep humiliation,
That his blood divine
Can wash sinners clean,
From all stains of sin.

A. 7. O may we at thy feet, dear Savior,
Still more enjoy thy grace and favor,
Constrain'd by thy redeeming love
May we thy true disciples prove.

8. Our lives for thee O may we venture,
And freely in thy service enter,
Yea, may our Choir show forth thy praise
And honor thee in all their ways!

L. & Ch.

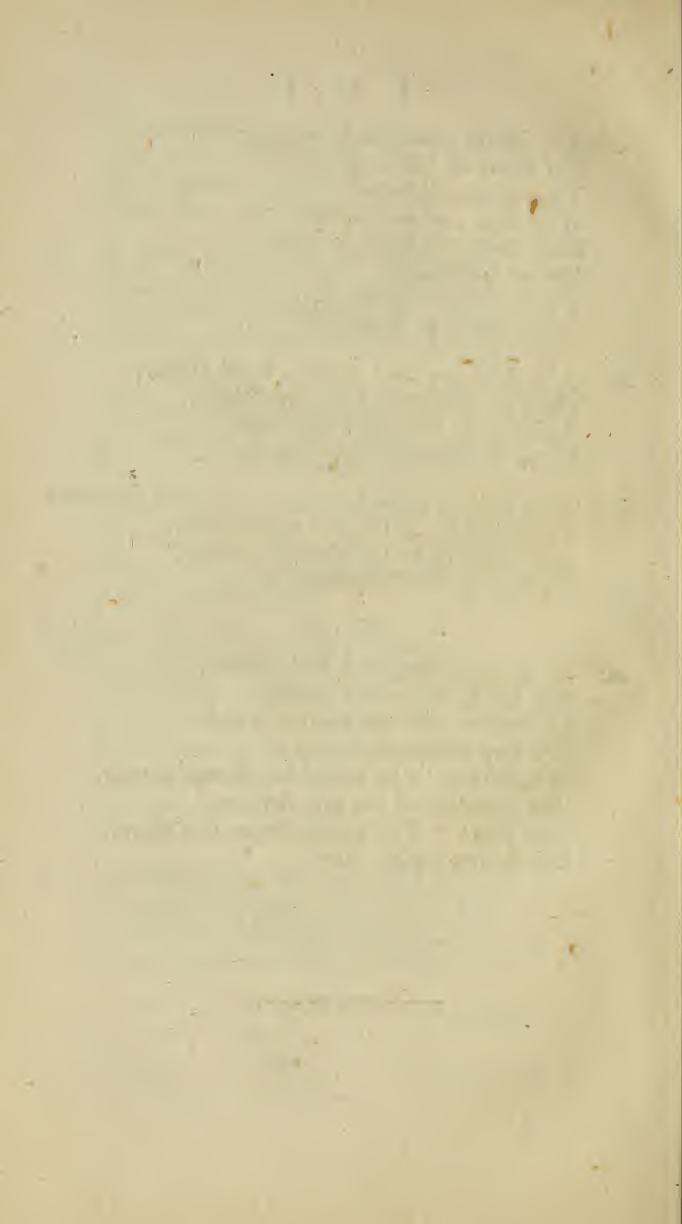
L. & Ch. Might each one in us trace
Th' effect of Jesu's grace,
That by him inspired
With zeal and willingness,
Each Brother's heart be fired,
Out of gratitude
To spend life and blood,
In the cause of God.

A. 9. In faith we say: Amen, Lord Jesus,
Unto our Choir be thou propitious,
And glorify thy name still more
In us, we humbly thee implore.

L. & Ch. 10. He'll grant it: Hearts and hands surrender
Anew to him, with love most tender,
And vow, that, till his face you see,
To him you will obedient be.

T. 159.

A. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Our God, we render praise!
In concert with the ransom'd host
We sing redeeming grace;
Whilst they, who round his throne appear,
The wonders of his love declare,
And sing: "The Lamb for us was slain:"
Our hearts reply: Amen.



III.

LITANIES OF THE SINGLE SISTERS.

I *. T. 235.

A. **U**NSPOTTED Lamb of God,
Our holy Spouse by blood,
Who from thy throne cam'st down,
And took'st our flesh and bone :
Thou, Lord, by dying on the cross
Mad'st peace between our God and us;
Thy grace upon our Choir bestow'd
Claims our unfeigned gratitude;
To thee our thanks we prostrate bring,
And joyful Hallelujah sing.
Amen.

T. 50.

1. Jesus, all praise is due to thee,
That thou wert pleas'd a man to be,
Born of a Virgin. Now rejoice,
Ye virgins, both with heart and voice,
Hallelujah!

2. O did each pulse thanksgiving beat,
And every breath thy praise repeat

* A. is sung by the Sisters; Ch. by the Chorus; and L. by the Liturgist.

D

For

For thy birth, suff'rings, wounds, and death,
Whereon we humbly trust by faith.
Hallelujah!

Ch. 3. O wonder without parallel,
O grace divine unsearchable,
Myst'ry of godliness, which we
Can ne'er extol sufficiently.
Hallelujah!

L. 4. For us these wonders he hath wrought,
To show his love surpassing thought.
Ye, who are his, be glad and sing
Praise to our Savior, God, and King:
A. Hallelujah!

T. 249. 2d p.

Thou holy blessed Trinity,
For th' Lamb of God all praise to thee!
Amen, Hallelujah!

Ch. Hallelujah!

A. Amen, Hallelujah!

T. 22. b:

5. O might we to our gracious Lord
For all his goodness joy afford!
Each virgin's care and aim be this,
To seek in all things him to please.

6. Abide with us, on thee we call,
Jesus, thou art our ALL in ALL;
Let us, devoted unto thee,
In soul and body hallow'd be!

7. May we uninterruptedly
In sweet communion live with thee,
Till we have finish'd here our race,
And shall behold thee face to face.

T. 58. 2d p.

L. Now then wait with longing and persevering
For Jesus, that you may at his appearing
Meet him with joy.

O may he preserve you in soul and body,
Unblemish'd, and with him in union steady,
Until he comes.

A. Amen: Lord, afford us thy kind direction,
Keep us from evil, and in thy protection
Always secure;

Till we shall in Heaven behold thy glory,
And freed from sin and weakness there adore thee
World without end.

2. T. 235.

A. **P**RAISE God, the Father, Son,
And Spirit, three in one,
For that decree of love and grace
To save from death the human race,
By Jesu's human birth for us,
Suff'rings, and dying on the cross.
For this our choir doth him adore
With grateful hearts for evermore.
Amen.

T. 22. b.

1. O Abba, Father, thanks and praise
And joyful songs to thee we raise,

D 2

That

'That thou thy Son out of thy throne
Didst give, to be a Virgin's son:

2. And turn'st thy all-reviving face,
Unto our poverty in grace,

Ch. Own'st us in thy beloved Son,
Whose blood did for our sins atone.

A. 3. We feel thy kind paternal heart
To us, who have in Christ a part,
And Jesu's blood and righteousness
Our splendor is, our glorious drefs.

T. 22. o.

4. God Holy Ghost, we praise thy name,
With rev'rence we thy love proclaim,
That overshadow'd by thy pow'r
The Virgin Christ conceiv'd and bore.

5. He died for us; and thou from hence
Salvation dost to us dispense,
And to the glory of his grace
Work'st in us fruits of righteousness.

6. Fix in our hearts thy blest abode,
And make us temples of our God;

L. Keep soul and body, through thy care,
Blameless, until the Lord appear.

T. 22. d.

A. 7. Thou, who the wondrous deed hast done,
O Jesu, look in mercy down
On us, altho' we finners be
Void of angelic purity.

Ch. 8.

Cb. 8. Like Mary, we with heart and voice
In thee our Savior will rejoice ;

A. Since thou hast promised in grace,
To make our hearts thy dwelling place.

L. 9. Grant, that each virgin's countenance
This blest experience may evince ;
In ev'ry handmaid's look be seen
The poor one of the Lord within.

T. 235.

A. O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,
The bridegroom of thy Church confest,
Our Choir we now commend to thee,
Preserve us thine eternally ;
Form us according to thy mind,
To follow thee make us inclin'd,
That we may not confounded be,
When thou shalt come in majesty.
Amen.

3. T. 235.

A. **T**HOU, Lord, faithful and true !
Whose grace is daily new,
With mercies numberless
Dost soul and body blest !
We can't express sufficiently
Our gratitude and love to thee.

Cb. Thou hast by blood for us aton'd,
Us with thy tender mercies crown'd,

A. And wilt continue ev'ry day
To do more than we think and pray :

This we believe, and wait to see
The blest fulfilment, Lord, from thee.

Amen.

L. With all the merits of thy life, sufferings, and death,

A. *Bless us, our dear Lord and God!*

T. 9.

Sung. Grant, that we alone from thee,
Well-spring of salvation,
May for soul and body gain
True sanctification.

L*. Thy becoming man in a Virgin's womb,

A*. *Render the Virgins chaste!*

Thy child-like simplicity,

Effect in us singleness of heart and mind!

Thy weakness and infirmity,

Make us contented with our weakness!

Thy blood-sweat in thy agony,

Bedew our souls and bodies!

Thy pierced hands,

Show us where our names are written!

Thy pierced feet

Are embraced by us for our election of grace!

Thy gracious lips, pale in death,

Speak peace and comfort to our hearts!

Thy sull'ring and dying form,

Remain always before our eyes!

Thy heart pierced for us

Be joyful over us!

T. 168. b. 2d p.

Sung. Form thyself our virgin classes,

So unto thy praise, Lord Jesus,

* This is prayed alternately by the Liturgist and all the
Sisters.

That

That thou may'st, till we depart,
Find in each a faithful heart.

- L.* With thy coming again unto thy Church, or our
being called home to thee,
A. *Comfort us, dear Lord and God!*

T. 22. f.

1. In spirit we behold with joy
'That blest triumphant company,
'The Church, redeemed by Christ's blood
And perfected, which seeth God.

2. Daily the blessed Comforter
Keeps us in fellowship with her,
And fills our hearts with tender love
To Christ, till we're with him above.

T. 588.

- Ch.* Now ready stand
Ye virgins, ready stand;
'The Bridegroom is at hand:
Sleep not, nor slumber,
Let nothing you encumber,
But ready stand;
He is at hand.

T. 22. d.

- A.* 3. Meanwhile our Choir's concern shall be
To follow him continually,
To him each day in faith to cleave,
And to his joy and praise to live.

4. Thus he will still most graciously
Regard our tears and poverty,

Which

Which often raises in our breast
That wish, to be with him at rest.

T. 235.

While we enjoy his love and peace,
His humbling and exalting grace :
This sweetly can alleviate
The pain his absence doth create,
And we, in soul and body blest,
Thus glorify the name of Christ.
Amen !

4.

L. & Ch. **P**RAISE ye the Lord, for he is good, sing
praises unto his name, for it is pleasant.

T. 58. 2d p.

A. *Sacred name of Jesus,*
So great and holy,
That all our tongues can never praise thee truly
As thou deserv'st.

T. 249, 2d p.

L. & Ch. O might our virgin choirs proclaim
By word and deed his saving name !
Might they in all their ways,
Led by his grace,
Show forth his matchless praise !

A. *Pow'rful name of Jesus,*
Thou'rt efficacious,
To save, to sanctify, and to preserve us;
Thee we adore.

L. & Ch.

L. & Ch. Lord Jesus! praise and thanks to thee,
If thou wert not, what shou'd we be?
Thy saving name we blefs,
And thee confess
Source of our happiness.

A. *Precious name of Jesus,*
How sweet and blessed
Art thou to souls, who mourning and distressed
Upon thee call.

L. & Ch. With him my heart hath always found
True counsel, comfort, help abound,
Therefore I will rely
Eternally
On his fidelity.

A. *Glad'ning name of Jesus,*
Whence comfort floweth,
No angel like a contrite sinner knoweth
Thy pow'r divine.

L. & Ch. All misery, however great,
His comforts can alleviate;
'Therefore in all distress
Seek ye his face,
And humbly sue for grace.

A. *Loveliest name of Jesus,*
Whoe'er confideth
In thee, obtains a treasure, which abideth.
Hallelujah!

L. & Ch. If I have him, I have howe'er,
What me eternally can cheer;

All in his name implied
Is verified,
His grace be magnified.

A. Now let all say: Amen,
The Lord be praised,
And Jesu's saving name be ever blessed:
Hallelujah!

Ch. Amen, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

A. Amen, Hallelujah!

IV.

LITANIES OF THE MARRIED BRETHREN
AND SISTERS.

I *. T. 235.

L. & Ch. **O** CHOIR, brought nigh to God
By Christ's atoning blood,
Unto the triune God draw near
With tender love and filial fear,
With tears of heart-felt gratitude,
With soul and body deeply bow'd;
And to the Father and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
Thy praises and thank-off'rings bring,
And holy, holy, holy sing.
Amen.

T. 4.

A. Receive at thy throne,
O Father and Son,
And Spirit of grace,
In Jesu's name, honor, thanksgiving, and praise.

* Whatever in these Litanies is marked with *A*, is sung by the whole Choir; *B*. by the Brethren; *S*. by the Sisters; *Ch.* by the Chorus; and *L.* by the Liturgist.

E

L.

- L.* Our Lord Christ Jesus,
- A.* Be gracious unto us!
- L.* O thou God and Father of the Church,
- A.* Preserve us in thy love!
- L.* Lord God, Holy Ghost,
- A.* Maintain thy temple in sanctification and honor!

T. 249. 2d p.

- Most holy blessed Trinity!
- We praise thee to eternity,
- Ch.* Amen, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- A.* Amen, Hallelujah!

T. 22. b.

- 1. Father, we daily worship thee,
As Christ's redeemed property,
- S.* That thou thy Son, out of thy throne,
Didst give to be a Virgin's Son.
- A.* 2. O grant, that we may all, while here,
In his salvation fully share,
And sanctify our married state,
As thy own work, we thee entreat.

T. 22. c.

- A.* 3. O Spirit, who all hearts dost try,
And soul and body purify,
- S.* O'ershadow'd by whose mighty pow'r
The Virgin Christ conceiv'd and bore;
- 4. Make our whole Choir thy blest abode,
A temple of the living God,
Teach us to know Christ's mind, and keep
Us all with him in fellowship.

T. 22.

T. 22. o.

5. Lord Jesus, evermore ador'd,

L. & Ch. Thy body's Savior, head, and Lord!

A. No words can e'er our thankfulness
And heart-felt joy in thee express,

6. That thou, the whole creation's God,
Assum'd'st our feeble flesh and blood,
And by thy death didst set us free
From endless woe and misery.

T. 22. f.

7. Those blessings on us all bestow,
Which from thy life and suff'rings flow,
And grant us fully to enjoy
All thou hast merited thereby.

T. 22. l.

8. O may each soul and ev'ry pair
In their whole walk thy praise declare,
And here on earth invariably
In sweet communion live with thee.

9. O may we yield thee joy and feel,
That thou amongst us deign'st to dwell,

L. & Ch. Though we can't see thee with our eyes,
Our faith the want of sight supplies.

T. 9.

A. If thou'rt with us, then indeed,
We shall lack no blessing,
But with thee, O Christ, proceed,
To meet joys unceasing.

May our Children, gracious Lord,
Share with us thy favor;

Let them all be the reward
Of thy death for ever.

T. 185.

- L.* The Lord blefs and keep thee in his favor,
As his chosen property ;
The Lord make his face fhine on thee ever,
And be gracious unto thee !
The Lord lift his countenance moft gracious
Upon thee, and be to thee propitious,
And his peace on thee beftow !
A. Amen, Amen, be it fo !

2. T. 235.

- A.* **A**MEN, Hallelujah !
B. Glory, and pow'r, and fway,
S. Worship, thankfgiving, praife,
A. With fongs and folemn lays,
Be brought to Chrift, who by his blood
Made us acceptable to God ;
Tho' confcious of our poverty,
Of faults, defects, and misery,
Yet cloathed in the glorious drefs
Of Jefu's blood-bought righteoufnefs,
With confidence and filial fear
We to the triune God draw near,
From whom, fince we in Chrift believe,
Grace, peace, and bleffing we receive.
Amen.

T. 22. b.

1. O Father, who didft fend thy Son
To us from thy celeftial throne,

Thofe

Those blessings on our Choir bestow,
Which from his holy merits flow.

2. That we may in this present time
On earth one spirit be with him,

S. That all in us his mind may trace,
A. And we thro' him show forth thy praise.

T. 22. d.

3. Jesus, who sav'dst us by thy cross,
B. From whom thro' faith our comfort flows;
A. In mercy, Lord, on us look down,
Since thou didst for our sins atone.

T. 22. l.

4. We worship thee with awe, and kiss
Thy pierced feet with heart-felt bliss;
B. We are thy servants thro' thy grace,
S. Ourselves thy handmaids we confess,
A. 5. And thou art our most gracious Lord,
To whom we fain wou'd joy afford;
Let us be guided by thy hand:
Then blessing will our course attend.

T. 22. o.

6. O purify our souls, we pray,
Thro' thy blest Spirit, to obey
The truth, and thus our faith to prove
By brotherly unfeigned love.

7. O may our mortal bodies be
Devoted, Jesus, unto thee,
An holy living sacrifice
To God, and pleasing in his eyes!

Which he bore, and which for us
All is meritorious:

A. 4. Then thro' his enabling grace
We with joy can run our race,
Whilst we him in mem'ry bear,
Who was tempted, as we are.

5. Praise to him for ever be,
We're his blood-bought property,
Since he death for us endur'd,
And eternal life procur'd.

L. Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God
in your body and in your spirit, which are God's!

T. 235.

A. Jesus, our hearts to thee incline,
And may our minds resemble thine,
O'erstream us with the healing flood
Of thy divine atoning blood,
That soul and body may always
By word and deed show forth thy praise!
Amen.

3. T. 235.

A. **G**LORY and thanks to thee,
Jesus, for ever be,
Who, tho' th' eternal God,
Assum'dst our flesh and blood!

Ch. Thrice happy are those souls indeed,
Who sowing tears, a precious seed,
Find in this world of woe and strife,
Pattern and comfort in thy life;
For this thy grace by us, O Lord!
Be humbly in the dust ador'd!

Amen.

T. 22. e.

1. Those blessings on us all bestow,
Which from thy holy merits flow,
Open to us this precious store,
Lord Jesus, and we ask no more.

T. 22. a.

2. We from thy toilsome life derive
Rich comforts while on earth we live;
Ch. Thou for our sake didst bear the cross,
And still with patience bear'st with us.

A. 3. By all that thou hast done or said,
Great blessings thou hast merited,
Thy walking, sleeping, toil, and sweat,
Redound unto our benefit.

T. 22. f.

4. In servant's form thou mad'st us free
From Satan's cruel tyranny.
Our chastisement on thee was laid,
Thy blood for us a ransom paid.

5. Our likeness thou didst still retain
Ascending into Heav'n again,
Where thee in glory we shall see,
And also be made like to thee.

T. 22.

T. 22. o.

6. Lord Jesus Christ, all praise to thee,
That from the curse we're now set free,
Since thou our curse hast borne, and thus
From sin and guilt deliver'd us.

7. We pray thee, fix our hearts and eyes
Upon thy bleeding sacrifice,
That we may day and night by faith
Enjoy the merits of thy death.

8. Grant, that it may to all appear,
That we thy death in mem'ry bear,
And may ev'n in our looks serene
Likeness of Christ, our friend, be seen.

T. 23.

Ch. That our minds and whole behavior
May resemble thee our Savior,
And thy sanctifying merit
Hallow body, soul, and spirit.

T. 22. d.

A. 9. In this world thou art no more now,
Us as thy race thou leav'st below;
Take us into thy special care,
Secure our souls from ev'ry snare.

10. Let our white robes of righteousness
Be by thy blood kept clean always;
Thy whole salvation make our own,
And us with constant vict'ry crown!

T. 235.

Ch. 11. That name which only to thee's known,
Lay on our Choir, we are thine own,

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And

And by thy incarnation blest,
Preserve our souls and bodies chaste.
Amen.

4. T. 121.

L. & Ch. **O** JESUS, source of grace,
Impart thy precious peace
To our Choir and Classes,
Whene'er we seek thy face,
When we, to give thee praises,
Humbly bow the knee,
And bring thanks to thee,
In sweet harmony.

T. 29.

- A.* 1. Bless, Jesus! with thy peace and favor
Our Choir, as oft as we endeavor,
T' exalt thy matchless love and grace,
And thee with thankful hearts to praise ;
2. That thou, the God of our salvation,
Constrain'd by mercy and compassion,
Becam'st a man to set us free
From guilt, and curse, and misery.
3. Thanks for the inexhausted treasure
Of blessings, which in richest measure
From thee on us poor sinners flow,
And prove our comfort here below.

L. & Ch. O precious thoughts of peace !
O undeserved grace !
All of us had perish'd
In sins and trespasses,

Hadst

Hadst thou not for us purchas'd
Life and ev'ry good,
By thy precious blood,
Jesus, man and God!

A. 4. Jesus, thy love and condescension
Is great beyond all comprehension;
Thou from the manger to the cross
Gav'st countless proofs of love to us.

5. Thou borest our sins and curse-infliction,
For us to purchase benediction,
And didst by conq'ring death and hell
Sin's power and dominion quell.

6. Thy words, thy walk, thy intercession,
Thy tears, thy cries, and bitter passion,
Yea, all that thou hast done for us,
Is truly meritorious.

L. & Ch. This fills our hearts with joy;
We gladly testify
Of his great salvation,
And publish far and near
With deep humiliation,
That his blood divine
Can wash sinners clean,
From all stains of sin.

A. 7. O may we at thy feet, dear Savior,
Still more enjoy thy grace and favor,
Constrain'd by thy redeeming love
May we thy true disciples prove.

8. Our lives for thee O may we venture,
And freely in thy service enter,
Yea, may our Choir show forth thy praise
And honor thee in all their ways!

L. & Ch.

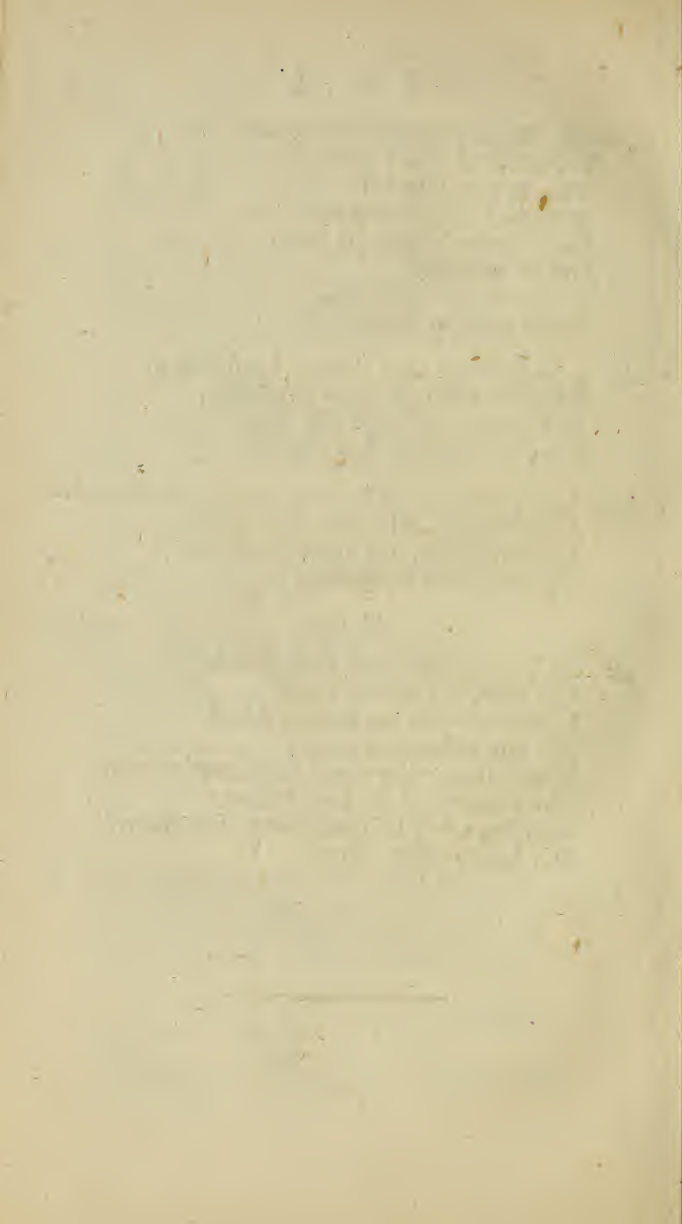
L. & Ch. Might each one in us trace
Th' effect of Jesu's grace,
That by him inspired
With zeal and willingness,
Each Brother's heart be fired,
Out of gratitude
To spend life and blood,
In the cause of God.

A. 9. In faith we say: Amen, Lord Jesus,
Unto our Choir be thou propitious,
And glorify thy name still more
In us, we humbly thee implore.

L. & Ch. 10. He'll grant it: Hearts and hands surrender
Anew to him, with love most tender,
And vow, that, till his face you see,
To him you will obedient be.

T. 159.

A. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Our God, we render praise!
In concert with the ransom'd host
We sing redeeming grace;
Whilst they, who round his throne appear,
The wonders of his love declare,
And sing: "The Lamb for us was slain:"
Our hearts reply: Amen.



III.

LITANIES OF THE SINGLE SISTERS.

I *. T. 235.

A. **U**NSPOTTED Lamb of God,
Our holy Spouse by blood,
Who from thy throne cam'st down,
And took'st our flesh and bone :
Thou, Lord, by dying on the cross
Mad'st peace between our God and us;
Thy grace upon our Choir bestow'd
Claims our unfeigned gratitude ;
To thee our thanks we prostrate bring,
And joyful Hallelujah sing.
Amen.

T. 50.

1. Jesus, all praise is due to thee,
That thou wert pleas'd a man to be,
Born of a Virgin. Now rejoice,
Ye virgins, both with heart and voice,
Hallelujah!

2. O did each pulse thanksgiving beat,
And every breath thy praise repeat

* A. is sung by the Sisters ; Ch. by the Chorus ; and L. by the Liturgist.

D

For

For thy birth, suff'rings, wounds, and death,
Whereon we humbly trust by faith.
Hallelujah!

Ch. 3. O wonder without parallel,
O grace divine unsearchable,
Mystr'y of godliness, which we
Can ne'er extol sufficiently.
Hallelujah!

L. 4. For us these wonders he hath wrought,
To show his love surpassing thought.
Ye, who are his, be glad and sing
Praise to our Savior, God, and King:
A. Hallelujah!

T. 249. 2d p.

Thou holy blessed Trinity,
For th' Lamb of God all praise to thee!
Amen, Hallelujah!

Ch. Hallelujah!

A. Amen, Hallelujah!

T. 22. b:

5. O might we to our gracious Lord
For all his goodness joy afford!
Each virgin's care and aim be this,
To seek in all things him to please.

6. Abide with us, on thee we call,
Jesus, thou art our ALL in ALL;
Let us, devoted unto thee,
In soul and body hallow'd be!

7. May we uninterruptedly
In sweet communion live with thee,
Till we have finish'd here our race,
And shall behold thee face to face.

T. 58. 2d p.

L. Now then wait with longing and persevering
For Jesus, that you may at his appearing
Meet him with joy.

O may he preserve you in soul and body,
Unblemish'd, and with him in union steady,
Until he comes.

A. Amen : Lord, afford us thy kind direction,
Keep us from evil, and in thy protection
Always secure ;

Till we shall in Heaven behold thy glory,
And freed from sin and weakness there adore thee
World without end.

2. T. 235.

A. PRAISE God, the Father, Son,
And Spirit, three in one,
For that decree of love and grace
To save from death the human race,
By Jesu's human birth for us,
Suff'rings, and dying on the cross.
For this our choir doth him adore
With grateful hearts for evermore.
Amen.

T. 22. b.

1. O Abba, Father, thanks and praise
And joyful songs to thee we raise,

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That

'That thou thy Son out of thy throne
Didst give, to be a Virgin's son:

2. And turn'st thy all-reviving face,
Unto our poverty in grace,

Ch. Own'st us in thy beloved Son,
Whose blood did for our sins atone.

A. 3. We feel thy kind paternal heart
To us, who have in Christ a part,
And Jesu's blood and righteoufness
Our splendor is, our glorious drefs.

T. 22. o.

4. God Holy Ghost, we praise thy name,
With rev'rence we thy love proclaim,
That overshadow'd by thy pow'r
'The Virgin Christ conceiv'd and bore.

5. He died for us; and thou from hence
Salvation dost to us dispense,
And to the glory of his grace
Work'st in us fruits of righteoufness.

6. Fix in our hearts thy blest abode,
And make us temples of our God;

L. Keep soul and body, through thy care,
Blameless, until the Lord appear.

T. 22. d.

A. 7. Thou, who the wondrous deed hast done,
O Jesu, look in mercy down
On us, altho' we finners be
Void of angelic purity.

Ch. 8.

Ch. 8. Like Mary, we with heart and voice
In thee our Savior will rejoice;

A. Since thou hast promised in grace,
To make our hearts thy dwelling place.

L. 9. Grant, that each virgin's countenance
This blest experience may evince;
In ev'ry handmaid's look be seen
The poor one of the Lord within.

T. 235.

A. O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,
The bridegroom of thy Church confest,
Our Choir we now commend to thee,
Preserve us thine eternally;
Form us according to thy mind,
To follow thee make us inclin'd,
That we may not confounded be,
When thou shalt come in majesty.
Amen.

3. T. 235.

A. **T**HOU, Lord, faithful and true!
Whose grace is daily new,
With mercies numberless
Dost soul and body bless!
We can't express sufficiently
Our gratitude and love to thee.

Ch. Thou hast by blood for us aton'd,
Us with thy tender mercies crown'd,

A. And wilt continue ev'ry day
To do more than we think and pray:

This we believe, and wait to see
The blest fulfilment, Lord, from thee.
Amen.

L. With all the merits of thy life, sufferings, and death,
A. Bless us, our dear Lord and God!

T. 9.

Sung. Grant, that we alone from thee,
Well-spring of salvation,
May for soul and body gain
True sanctification.

L.* Thy becoming man in a Virgin's womb,

A.* *Render the Virgins chaste!*

Thy child-like simplicity,

Effect in us singleness of heart and mind!

Thy weakness and infirmity,

Make us contented with our weakness!

Thy blood-sweat in thy agony,

Bedew our souls and bodies!

Thy pierced hands,

Show us where our names are written!

Thy pierced feet

Are embraced by us for our election of grace!

Thy gracious lips, pale in death,

Speak peace and comfort to our hearts!

Thy suffering and dying form,

Remain always before our eyes!

Thy heart pierced for us

Be joyful over us!

T. 168. b. 2d p.

Sung. Form thyself our virgin classes,
So unto thy praise, Lord Jesus,

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Sisters.

That

That thou may'st, till we depart,
Find in each a faithful heart.

L. With thy coming again unto thy Church, or our
being called home to thee,

A. *Comfort us, dear Lord and God!*

T. 22. f.

1. In spirit we behold with joy
That blest triumphant company,
The Church, redeemed by Christ's blood
And perfected, which seeth God.

2. Daily the blessed Comforter
Keeps us in fellowship with her,
And fills our hearts with tender love
To Christ, till we're with him above.

T. 588.

Ch. Now ready stand
Ye virgins, ready stand;
The Bridegroom is at hand:
Sleep not, nor slumber,
Let nothing you encumber,
But ready stand;
He is at hand.

T. 22. d.

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To follow him continually,
To him each day in faith to cleave,
And to his joy and praise to live.

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Regard our tears and poverty,

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Which often raises in our breast
That wish, to be with him at rest.

T. 235.

While we enjoy his love and peace,
His humbling and exalting grace:
This sweetly can alleviate
The pain his absence doth create,
And we, in soul and body blest,
Thus glorify the name of Christ.
Amen!

4.

L. & Ch. **P**RAISE ye the Lord, for he is good, sing
praises unto his name, for it is pleasant.

T. 58. 2d p.

A. *Sacred name of Jesus,*
So great and holy,
That all our tongues can never praise thee truly
As thou deserv'st.

T. 249, 2d p.

L. & Ch. O might our virgin choirs proclaim
By word and deed his saving name!
Might they in all their ways,
Led by his grace,
Show forth his matchless praise!

A. *Pow'rful name of Jesus,*
Thou'rt efficacious,
To save, to sanctify, and to preserve us;
Thee we adore.

L. & Ch.

L. & Ch. Lord Jesus! praise and thanks to thee,
 If thou wert not, what shou'd we be?
 Thy saving name we bleſs,
 And thee confeſs
 Source of our happineſs.

A. *Precious name of Jeſus,*
 How ſweet and bleſſed
 Art thou to ſouls, who mourning and diſtreſſed
 Upon thee call.

L. & Ch. With him my heart hath always found
 True counſel, comfort, help abound,
 Therefore I will rely
 Eternally
 On his fidelity.

A. *Glad'ning name of Jeſus,*
 Whence comfort floweth,
 No angel like a contrite ſinner knoweth
 Thy pow'r divine.

L. & Ch. All miſery, however great,
 His comforts can alleviate;
 Therefore in all diſtreſs
 Seek ye his face,
 And humbly ſue for grace.

A. *Loveliſt name of Jeſus,*
 Whoe'er confiſteth
 In thee, obtains a treasure, which abideth.
 Hallelujah!

L. & Ch. If I have him, I have howe'er,
 What me eternally can cheer;

All in his name implied
Is verified,
His grace be magnified.

A. Now let all say: Amen,
The Lord be praised,
And Jesu's saving name be ever blessed:
Hallelujah!

Ch. Amen, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

A. Amen, Hallelujah!

IV.

LITANIES OF THE MARRIED BRETHREN
AND SISTERS.

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By Christ's atoning blood,
Unto the triune God draw near
With tender love and filial fear,
With tears of heart-felt gratitude,
With soul and body deeply bow'd;
And to the Father and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
Thy praises and thank-off'rings bring,
And holy, holy, holy sing.
Amen.

T. 4.

A. Receive at thy throne,
O Father and Son,
And Spirit of grace,
In Jesu's name, honor, thanksgiving, and praise.

* Whatever in these Litanies is marked with *A*, is sung by the whole Choir; *B*. by the Brethren; *S*. by the Sisters; *Ch*. by the Chorus; and *L*. by the Liturgist.

E

L.

- L.* Our Lord Christ Jesus,
- A.* Be gracious unto us!
- L.* O thou God and Father of the Church,
- A.* Preserve us in thy love!
- L.* Lord God, Holy Ghost,
- A.* Maintain thy temple in sanctification and honor

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Most holy blessed Trinity!

We praise thee to eternity,

Ch. Amen, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

A. Amen, Hallelujah!

T. 22. b.

1. Father, we daily worship thee,

As Christ's redeemed property,

S. That thou thy Son, out of thy throne,

Didst give to be a Virgin's Son.

A. 2. O grant, that we may all, while here,

In his salvation fully share,

And sanctify our married state,

As thy own work, we thee entreat.

T. 22. c.

A. 3. O Spirit, who all hearts dost try,

And soul and body purify,

S. O'ershadow'd by whose mighty pow'r

The Virgin Christ conceiv'd and bore;

4. Make our whole Choir thy blest abode,

A temple of the living God,

Teach us to know Christ's mind, and keep

Us all with him in fellowship.

T. 22.

T. 22. o.

5. Lord Jesus, evermore ador'd,
L. & Ch. Thy body's Savior, head, and Lord!
A. No words can e'er our thankfulness
 And heart-felt joy in thee express,

6. That thou, the whole creation's God,
 Assum'd'st our feeble flesh and blood,
 And by thy death didst set us free
 From endless woe and misery.

T. 22. f.

7. Those blessings on us all bestow,
 Which from thy life and suff'rings flow,
 And grant us fully to enjoy
 All thou hast merited thereby.

T. 22. l.

8. O may each soul and ev'ry pair
 In their whole walk thy praise declare,
 And here on earth invariably
 In sweet communion live with thee.

9. O may we yield thee joy and feel,
 That thou amongst us deign'st to dwell,

- L. & Ch.* Though we can't see thee with our eyes,
 Our faith the want of sight supplies.

T. 9.

- A.* If thou'rt with us, then indeed,
 We shall lack no blessing,
 But with thee, O Christ, proceed,
 To meet joys unceasing.

May our Children, gracious Lord,
 Share with us thy favor;

Let them all be the reward
Of thy death for ever.

T. 185.

- L.* The Lord blefs and keep thee in his favor,
As his chosen property ;
The Lord make his face fhine on thee ever,
And be gracious unto thee !
The Lord lift his countenance moft gracious
Upon thee, and be to thee propitious,
And his peace on thee beftow !
A. Amen, Amen, be it fo !

2. T. 235.

- A.* AMEN, Hallelujah !
B. Glory, and pow'r, and fway,
S. Worship, thanksgiving, praife,
A. With fongs and folemn lays,
Be brought to Chrift, who by his blood
Made us acceptable to God ;
Tho' confcious of our poverty,
Of faults, defects, and misery,
Yet cloathed in the glorious drefs
Of Jefu's blood-bought righteoufnefs,
With confidence and filial fear
We to the triune God draw near,
From whom, fince we in Chrift believe,
Grace, peace, and bleffing we receive.
Amen.

T. 22. b.

1. O Father, who didft fend thy Son
To us from thy celestial throne,

Thofe

Those blessings on our Choir bestow,
Which from his holy merits flow.

2. That we may in this present time
On earth one spirit be with him,

S. That all in us his mind may trace,
A. And we thro' him show forth thy praise.

T. 22. d.

3. Jesus, who sav'dst us by thy cross,
B. From whom thro' faith our comfort flows;

A. In mercy, Lord, on us look down,
Since thou didst for our sins atone.

T. 22. l.

4. We worship thee with awe, and kiss
Thy pierced feet with heart-felt bliss;

B. We are thy servants thro' thy grace,
S. Ourselves thy handmaids we confess,

A. 5. And thou art our most gracious Lord,
To whom we fain wou'd joy afford;
Let us be guided by thy hand:
Then blessing will our course attend.

T. 22. o.

6. O purify our souls, we pray,
Thro' thy blest Spirit, to obey
The truth, and thus our faith to prove
By brotherly unfeigned love.

7. O may our mortal bodies be
Devoted, Jesus, unto thee,
An holy living sacrifice
To God, and pleasing in his eyes!

T. 22. e.

8. Thou pow'r divine, God Holy Ghost,
S. Who all good gifts on us bestow'st;
B. Who mak'st believers thine abode,
 And temples of the living God;

A. 9. Keep us in soul and body clean,
B. Free from the pow'r and pain of sin,
S. Our inward man so beautify,
 That we may yield our Savior joy.

T. 22. f.

- A.* 10. Unto our Children grace afford,
 That they may prosper for the Lord,
 And our sincere endeavors bless,
 To train them up unto his praise.

T. 235.

Most holy Trinity, may they
 And we, in all things thee obey,
 Thro' Jesu's grace yield thee delight,
 And do what's pleasing in thy fight.
 O may our Choir thy truth and grace
 Experience till the end of days.

Amen!

3. T. 235.

- A.* **T**HEE, God of love and peace, (2 Cor. xiii. 11.)
 We magnify and praise,
 Jesus, who on the cross
 Didst bleed and die for us :
- S.* In thy salvation we rejoice,
B. And give thee praise with heart and voice,
A. Conscious, that all the happiness,
 We in the married state possess,
 Flows solely, gracious Lord, from thee,
 For this thy name we glorify.
 Amen.

T. 22. b.

- S.* 1. That thou from Heav'n to us didst come,
 And human flesh and blood assume,
B. That thou didst death for us endure,
 For us salvation to procure.
- S.* 2. That Abba, whose dear Son thou art,
 Our God and Father is declar'd,
B. That th' Holy Ghost makes us to be
 One Spirit even here with thee.

T. 22. o.

- A.* 3. That thou the holy married state,
 (Ordain'd, when thou didst man create,)
 Hast hallow'd by becoming man,
 That we God's purpose might attain,
- L. & Ch.* 4. Thee and thy Church to represent,
 And to fulfil thy blest intent,
 To God a fruitful field to be,
 T' increase thy blood-bought property :

T. 22. e.

- A.* 5. For this our hearts to thee we raise
With thankfulnes, and give thee praise;
Might we and all our children, Lord,
In all things joy to thee afford!

T. 22. d.

6. Thy sanctifying grace bestow,
And be with us, where'er we go:
Thus ev'ry thing we do will be
Hallow'd and pleasing unto thee.

T. 22. l.

7. Since thou, O Lord, with thine own hand
Hast tied our sacred marriage-band,
Grant, that thy dying love may be
The source of our felicity.

- S.* 8. Our souls and bodies, Lamb of God,
Besprinkle with thy precious blood,
B. Subdue what's carnal by thy death,
That godly we may live by faith.

- A.* 9. With mouth and hand our Choir to thee
Vows homage and fidelity,
Till we our heav'nly home shall gain;
Thereto, Lord Jesus, say Amen.

T. 235.

Till thy bride perfected shall be,
Cleaves heart and mind alone to thee;
O may we still more clearly trace
Thy holy will and thoughts of peace;
Fulfil in us thy purpose all,
And in our Children great and small!
Amen.

4. T. 235.

- A.* **O** LORD of all confest,
 True cause and fountain blest
 Of all that blifs and grace,
 Which we, thy flock, possess:
 Thou slaughter'd Lamb, our God and Lord,
 To needy pray'rs thine ear afford;
 Thy mercy on our Choir bestow,
 And to our Children favor show;
 For thy salvation, which thro' grace
 We richly share, accept our praise;
B. Thy love no mind can comprehend,
S. Thy boundless mercies have no end;
A. We humbly now 'fore thee appear
 And our hearts' gratitude declare.
 Amen.

T. 22. e.

1. Our motives, Lord, are numberless
 For joy, and shame, and thankfulness;
S. O what is man, that we should prove
 Such favor'd objects of thy love?

T. 22. b.

- B.* 2. Thou wast in human flesh array'd,
 For the whole world an off'ring made,
S. And thy whole life on earth for us
 Was truly meritorious.
A. 3. Thou didst thereby the married state
L. (Ordain'd when thou didst man create)
A. Hallow and consecrate to be
 An image of thy church and thee.

L. Let

*L**. Let our marriage be honorable among all men,
and the bed be undefiled;

Teach the wife to be subject to the husband, as
the Church is to Christ;

And teach the husband to love his wife, as Christ
loveth the Church;

But let not the creature take place to the preju-
dice of the Creator, or divide with Christ;

A. Hear us, our dear Lord and God!

T. 22. e.

4. May all those blessings on us flow,
And in our lives their virtue show,
Which from the womb unto the cross
Thou, Lord, hast merited for us.

*L**. Let our pregnant sisters reap the blessing of thy
having lain in the womb of thy mother;

And those who bring forth, of thy being brought
forth into the world;

And those that give suck, of thy having sucked
the breasts of a mother;

Sanctify to thyself all fathers and mothers;

And bless thy gift the children!

A. Hear us, our dear Lord and God!

T. 22. d.

5. Wisdom and faithfulness afford
To all the parents, gracious Lord!
Crown their endeavors with success,
To train their children to thy praise.

S. 6. Let them be by thy Spirit led,
And thus from grace to grace proceed;

B. Yea, to thy Father them present,
Since thou for them thy life hast spent.

* This prayer is read.

T. 235.

- A.* To husbands, wives, and children, Lord,
All needful grace and gifts afford ;
Grant us to yield thee joy, since we
Are thy redeemed property,
And in each family thy will
And all thy purposes fulfil.
Amen.
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V.

LITANIES OF THE WIDOWERS.

1. T. 235.

- A.* **O** HOLY Father, God,
Of the Lord of Sabaoth!
Abba, O God, our God,
Thro' our Lord's death and blood!
The Cherubim and Seraphs cloud
Exalt thy praise with voices loud;
L. The Elders worshipping fall down
And cast their crowns before thy throne;
A. With them we also prostrate fall,
And thee Jehovah Abba call.
Amen.

T. 22. b.

- L.* 1. Like Simeon we with heart and voice
In God our Savior will rejoice;
May our thank-off'rings always be,
Dear Father, pleasing unto thee!
- A.* 2. Us all in mercy own and blefs
As members of thy chosen race,
By Christ presented unto thee,
As his reward and property.
3. O may we, thro' thy grace, while here,
In Christ's salvation have our share;

In him accept us graciously,
And lead us till his face we see.

T. 22. a.

4. O Holy Ghost, make thine abode
In us, as temples of our God,
That we, 'midst Jesu's flock of grace,
In all things, may show forth his praise.

5. And let thy peace upon us rest,
Thy goodness may we ever taste;
Let us in our sabbatic state
The joys of Heav'n anticipate.

T. 22. l.

6. Jesus, Redeemer of mankind,
L. In whom alone we comfort find;
A. Let spirit, soul, and body share
Thy merits and thy tender care.

7. Fill us with peace, and joy, and love,
L. And our support in trials prove;
When weaknesses of age appear,
Keep thou our minds and senses clear.

8. 'This be our aim on earth, thy will
To seek in all things to fulfil,
And when thou call'st, prepar'd to be
To leave this world and go to thee.

T. 235.

L. When all our toil is o'er, how blest
Will be our lot, with thee to rest;
A. What joys divine shall we then feel,
What pleasures, which no tongue can tell,
When we in perfect happiness
Shall once behold thee face to face!

Amen.

2. T. 235.

- A. **F**ATHER of Christ our Lord,
 A gracious ear afford,
 L. When with imperfect lays
 The wid'wers give thee praise:
 A. For having from eternity
 Elected us, through mercy free,
 In Christ to endless happiness,
 Which this life's troubles far out-weighs:
 O turn to us thy countenance,
 Amidst our wants and indigence.
 Amen.

T. 22. b.

1. Thanks for thy kind paternal love,
 Which we in Christ so richly prove,
 That we our trust upon thy grace
 With filial confidence can place;
 2. That thou for Jesu's sake wilt bless
 Our Choir unto the end of days,
 Since we're in him belov'd by thee,
 And share his gifts abundantly,
 L. 3. As children by the Comforter
 Taught, to cry Abba without fear,
 And who are clothed in the dress
 Of thy Son's blood-bought righteousness.

T. 22. a.

- A. 4. Give us new tokens, Lord, we pray,
 Of thy great goodness ev'ry day,
 With thy paternal faithfulness
 And boundless mercy us embrace.

5. Thy joyful Spirit, which doth cry,
 Abba, and Jesus glorify,
 Teach us, while here on earth we are,
 To spend our time in praise and pray'r:

6. When we go to the sanctuary,
 For us and for the Church to pray,
 Grant our requests for Jesu's sake,
 And let us of thy grace partake.

T. 22. 1.

7. Jesus, thou slaughter'd Lamb of God,
 Who didst assume our flesh and blood,
L. And by thy blood, for sinners shed,
 Hast for the world a ransom paid ;

A. 8. Present us to thy Father, Lord,
 As thy own purchase and reward,
 That he may own us graciously,
 And over us rejoice in thee.

9. O lead us daily by the hand,
 Till we shall reach the promis'd land,
 Let us in need be ne'er depriv'd
 Of comforts from thy death deriv'd.

T. 235.

Thus shall we, fill'd with joy and peace,
 Proceed t' enjoy that happiness,
 Which here to us is freely giv'n,
 And which the ransom'd hosts in Heav'n,
 Who worshipping 'fore thee appear,
 For ever in thy presence share.

Amen.

3. T. 235.

A. **T**HEE, holy triune God !
 We magnify and laud ;
 Accept the worship, thanks, and praise
 Of us, thy wid'wers, for the grace,
 Which thou so richly hast display'd
 To us in Christ, our Lord and Head !
 Amen.

T. 22. b.

1. O Father, thee we thank and praise,
 Who pitiedst us, a fallen race,
 And gav'st thy dear and only Son,
 For us lost sinners to atone.

L. 2. Remember now his wounds and cross,
 And be a father unto us;
 A. Crown us with mercies ; let us be
 In him well pleasing unto thee.

T. 22. o.

3. God Holy Ghost, blest Comforter,
 With grateful hearts we thee revere,
 For having taught us to believe
 In Christ, and by this faith to live.

4. Preserve us henceforth in his grace,
 Teach us more fully yet to trace
 The counsel of his love, and keep
 Us all with him in fellowship.

T. 22. l.

L. 5. O how divine thy comforts are,
 Lord Jesus ! what delicious fare

Is this, when we thy presence feel,
And thou thy kindness dost reveal.

- A. 6. We render thee our thanks and praise,
That thou, in these our mortal days,
Such grace and love on us bestow'st,
And worship thee, bow'd in the dust.

T. 22. d.

- L. 7. Help us, thy servants, gracious God,
A. Who are redeemed with thy blood,
A. And grant us, for thy suff'rings sake,
Of thy salvation to partake.

8. We thee entreat to set us free,
Lord, from whate'er displeases thee,
O may our walk be to thy praise,
And to the glory of thy grace :

T. 235.

Until, when all our trials cease,
Our hopes of future joy and bliss
Are realiz'd, and we, thro' grace,
Are call'd to see thee face to face;
O welcome day! at thy return,
Lord Jesus, we shall cease to mourn.
Amen.

4. T. 235.

- A. **L**ORD Jesus, Prince of peace,
Thou only source of grace
And true felicity,
Now and eternally :
The blessings on our Choir bestow,
Which from thy holy merits flow,

And

And draw unto our hearts so near,
As if we saw thee present here:
Thus we celestial joys shall taste,
Till called hence with thee to rest.
Amen.

T. 22. a.

1. Thy poverty and weaklinefs
L. In servant's form and lowlinefs,
A. Make us contented with our own,
While in this vale of tears we groan.
2. Thy watching, fasting, and the pray'rs,
Thou offer'dst with strong cries and tears,
A. That deep distress, which night and day
For us, so heavy on thee lay,
3. Yea, all thy suff'rings, Lamb of God,
A. Atoning death and precious blood,
L. Whereby thou life for us didst gain,
A. Our comfort, joy, and strength remain.

T. 22. b.

4. Thy resting in the silent tomb,
Thy rising, having death o'ercome,
And then ascending gloriously,
To sit upon thy throne on high,
5. Thy coming to thy Church again,
Or our release from sin and pain,
By being called home to thee,
Comfort us, Lord, abundantly.

T. 22. d.

- L.* 6. The wid'wers chief concern while here,
Is, for thy coming to prepare,

Thy consolation to await,
Like Simeon ready thee to meet.

- A. 7. Then at the end of all distress
We shall depart to thee in peace,
And shall behold thy face most bright
In joy and everlasting light.

T. 22. o.

- L. 8. But if it be thy holy will,
That we, tho' weary, serve thee still,
Grant us, thy name to glorify,
To thee to live, to thee to die.

T. 235.

- A. O grant, that till our lips grow cold,
We may in spirit thee behold,
As thou upon th' accursed cross
Didst shed thy blood and die for us,
And that we with our latest breath
May praise thee for thy wounds and death.

Amen.

VI.

LITANIES OF THE WIDOWS.

I*. T. 235.

A. **M**OST holy Trinity,
We praise and honor thee,
That by the counsel of thy grace
We're fore-ordain'd to happiness,
Thro' Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
Who in our place as surety stood,
Became a man, and death sustain'd,
And thereby our salvation gain'd.
O might each pulse thanksgiving beat,
And ev'ry breath his praise repeat!
Amen.

T. 22. b.

L. 1. This wonder makes our hearts to glow,
And causes grateful tears to flow,
That God himself became a man,
And was for our redemption slain.

A. 2. Most holy blessed Trinity,
We praise thee to eternity;
O may the widows choir partake
Of choicest blessings for Christ's sake.

T. 22. a.

L. 3. Thou who as children us dost own
Thro' Jesus thy beloved Son,

* A. is sung by the Widows, L. by the Liturgist.

G

A. And

A. And whom we by the Holy Ghost
Call Abba, Father, with full trust,

4. Thro' Jesus Christ, now blefs our Choir,
With all we want, or can desire,
Preserve us in his love, and be
Our gracious God eternally.

T. 22. o.

L. 5. Lord Jesus Christ, our highest good,
Who hast redeem'd us by thy blood,
And purchas'd for us life and grace,

A. Be thou our comfort in distress.

6. O may our souls and bodies be
Devoted wholly unto thee ;

L. However weak we are, our aim
Shall be to glorify thy name.

A. 7. The comforts of the Holy Ghost
Grant us : Our weaknesles thou know'st ;
And while we keep our sabbath here,
For endless glory us prepare.

T. 22. d.

8. God Holy Ghost, give us the grace,
To show our cordial thankfulness,

L. And let our needy souls by faith
Feed on the merits of Christ's death.

A. May we, like Anna, persevere
By day and night in constant pray'r, (Luke, ii. 36.)
And daily taught and led by thee,
True happy widows learn to be,

10. Whose conversation is above
With Christ, whom, tho' unseen, they love,
And for his coming humbly wait,
In joyful hope, the Lord to meet.

T. 235.

O may this be our only care,
While we as pilgrims sojourn here,
That we may yield delight to him,
Rejoicing in that blessed time,
When Christ our Savior shall appear,
And wipe away our ev'ry tear:
Then sin and sorrow will be fled,
And everlasting joys succeed.

Amen.

2. T. 235.

- A.** **O** LORD, the widows friend,
Whose thoughts of peace extend
Beyond what words can e'er express,
Surpassing all our thanks and praise;
L. What love can be compar'd with thine,
Who didst for us thy life resign!
A. Most gracious Savior, we fall down
And humbly worship at thy throne.

Amen.

T. 22. b.

1. Thanks for thy birth, incarnate God,
Thanks for thy suff'rings, death, and blood,
The source of our felicity,
In time and in eternity.
L. 2. All those who cleave to thee by faith,
Have part in thy atoning death,
Whereby they're blest already here,
And shall in Heav'n thy glory share.

T. 22. a.

A. 3. This we experience, and rejoice,
Lord Jesus, in thy sacrifice,
Which richly hath restored all
What we had lost thro' Adam's fall.

L. 4. Might we acknowledge and improve
The blessings of redeeming love,
Which have been merited by thee
For time and for eternity!

T. 22. e.

A. 5. May on our hearts thy bitter pain
Indelibly impress'd remain,
And grant, that for thy soul's distress,
We all may magnify thy grace.

6. Lord, let us in this world of strife
Draw comfort from thy suff'ring life;
This be our balm for each complaint,
Our strength, when mind or body faint,

T. 22. d.

7. Till we, who here must often weep,
In Heav'n eternal joys shall reap;
Where thou'st prepar'd for us a place,
And we shall see thee face to face.

T. 22. f.

L. 8. To Christ, dear widows, closely cleave,
And in communion with him live,
Till he shall say to you: "Ye blest,
"Enter into my joy and rest."

T. 235.

A. What joy, what happiness complete,
Doth us poor needy sheep await,

When

When after light afflictions we
Shall to the Shepherd gather'd be,
Who graciously will in that day
Wipe from our eyes all tears away.

Amen.

3. T. 235.

1. **F**ATHER of Christ, the Word,
The Father, God and Lord
Of Jesu's flock, since he
Our brother deign'd to be:

T. 22. b.

1. Thou gav'st thy only Son for us,
From whom life everlasting flows,
And since we now thy children are,
Tho' poor, we're objects of thy care.

L. 2. Think on his death, impart thy aid
To us, in ev'ry time of need,
And let us constantly, while here,
In his salvation have a share.

A. 3. Thy mercy, Lord, to us dispense,
According to our confidence;
Grant in our lonely state, that we
With Jesus may one spirit be.

T. 235.

Jesu, our Lord and God,
Who took'st our flesh and blood,
And to deliver us,
Diedst on th' accurs'd cross.

T. 22. o.

4. Since thou thy blood for us hast shed,
Thou art our comfort in all need,

And

And turn'st thy all-reviving face
Unto our poverty in grace.

5. Thy mercy is an endless store,
Each day displays to us still more
Thy tender love and faithfulness,
Beyond whate'er our thanks express.

6. Thou list'nest to the widows' pray'rs,
And countest all their sighs and tears;
Each sorrow, whether small or great,
Thy comforts can alleviate.

T. 235.

A. God Holy Ghost, to thee,
Praises for ever be,
Who dost, as Comforter,
To us Christ's love declare,

T. 22. f.

7. That each church member's made to be
A living temple unto thee,
That thou dost comfort them in time,
And once wilt lead them home to him.

L. 8. In thee each widow may confide,
As in her guardian, friend and guide,
Since Jesus Christ, with this intent,
Thee from the Father to us sent.

A. 9. Our hearts we open unto thee;
O dwell in us continually,
And fill our souls with joy and peace,
Spirit of glory and of grace!

T. 235.

Most holy blessed Trinity!
We praise thee to eternity,
And honor thee, through Jesus Christ,
Our Mediator and High Priest,

Who

Who gloriously fulfill'd the plan
Thou form'dst to redeem lost man.

Amen.

4. T. 235.

A. **J**ESUS, thy praise we sing,
To thee our thanks we bring,
That thou thy glory didst forsake,
Of all our sorrows to partake;

L. O love unutterably great,
'Thy full'rings cancel all our debt,
And by thy all-atoning blood,
We're made acceptable to God;

A. What are our thanks? With deepest shame
We prostrate, and adore thy name.

Amen.

T. 22. b.

L. 1. Should not the widows choir rejoice,
And praise thee, Lord, with heart and voice?

A. Yea, thee we gratefully confess
The source of all our happiness.

2. Since thou this greatest grace hast shown,
By death for all our sins t' atone,
The smallest thou wilt surely grant,
And well supply our ev'ry want.

T. 22. c.

L. 3. God will the widows ne'er forsake.

A. To Him we may our refuge take,
And on his care and faithfulness,
All our dependance firmly place.

4. A widow, who her son belov'd
With tears bemoan'd, his pity mov'd; (Luke, vii. 31.)
His mother he did recommend,
When on the cross, to John his friend.

L. 5.

- L. 5. You're likewise objects of his care,
Since Scripture plainly doth declare,
That to the church this charge he gave :
Widows to honor and relieve.

T. 22. a.

- A. 6. For this our gracious Lord we praise,
May we be faithful thro' his grace,
And walking humbly in his sight,
In all we do, yield him delight.

- L. 7. To love the Lord, be your first care,
The next, to serve his people here ;

- A. Can we do good, we'll it embrace,
He'll us reward with looks of grace.

8. When in each other's walk and mien
True peace and happiness is seen :
This mutual pleasure does afford,
And causes us to thank our Lord.

9. O when the slaughter'd Lamb appears,
We can't with-hold our grateful tears,
Th' impression of his bitter death
Preserves and does increase our faith.

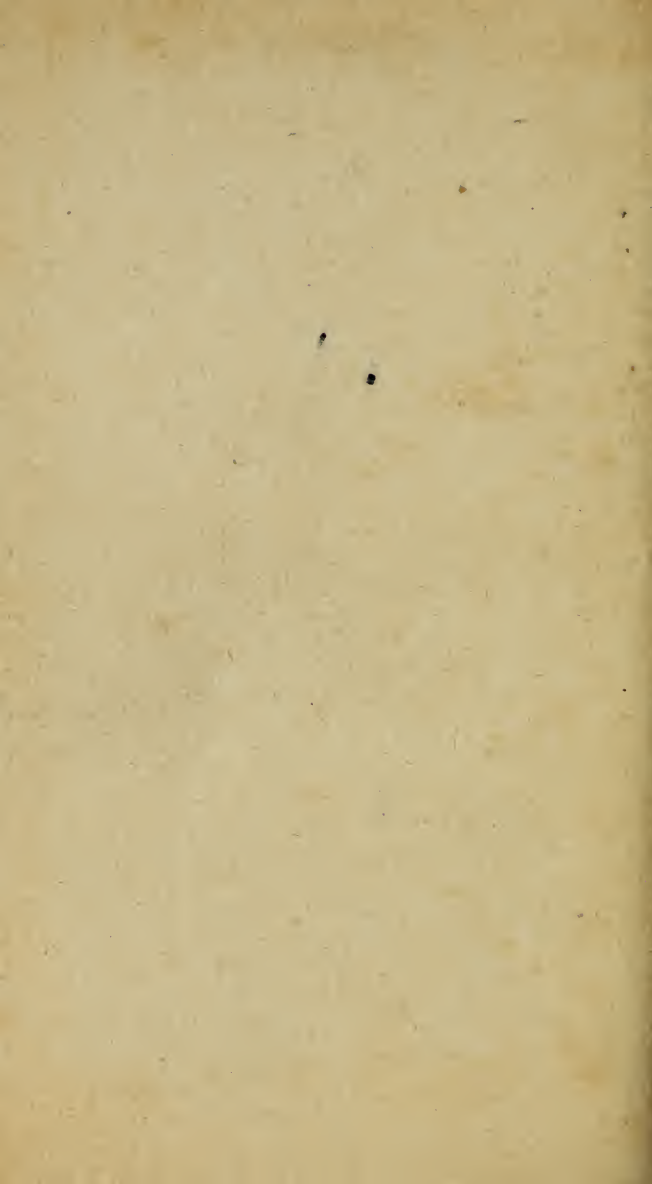
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- L. 10. This be engraven in your breast,
Long as this dying life shall last,
And may your Savior in this time
Unite you closely unto him.

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- A. O draw us nearer to thee still,
Grant us, we humbly pray, to feel
Thy presence both by night and day,
Whether we work, or rest, or pray,
And may at thy appearing we,
Lord Jesus Christ, be found in thee !

Amen.



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